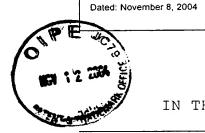
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed October 6, 2004, applicants submit the following remarks.